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PATENT

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In re Application of:

DelDuca et al.

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Serial No.: 09/346,752 ✓

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 7, 1999

Box PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated December 7, 1999. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., March 7, 2000. Please enter the following remarks into the record for the above-identified patent application:

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 11-21 are pending in this application and are rejected by the Examiner.

Section § 112 Rejections

Claims 1 and 11-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which

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